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## **CLAIMS**

## We claim:

- A chemical depilatory composition comprising at least one chemical depilatory component and an effective sulfide malodor lessening, eliminating or preventing amount of strontium ions.
- 2. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the chemical depilatory is selected from the group consisting of alkali or alkali earth thioglycolates.
- 3. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the said strontium ions are present in the form of a soluble, non-toxic strontium salt in an amount ranging from about 0.2% by weight of said salt up to about 2% by weight of said salt.
- 4. The composition of Claim 3 wherein said chemical depilatory component is selected from the group comprising potassium thioglycolate, calcium thioglycolate and mixtures thereof and said strontium compound is strontium chloride.
- 5. A method for removing hair from the surface of human skin comprising applying to the surface of said skin the composition of Claim 1.